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Subject: pending North Coast fishing closures

I understand that a choice is being made between closing one of two North Coast diving areas for fishing. Please keep the Salt Point State Park area open for several reasons: 1, it has safer, more protected access for human activity near shore, and 2, park service and rescue can more easily monitor and access those divers and recreational users if necessary.

Additional comments:

I hope that long-lining and gill netting is now banned. Wasteful fishing techniques together with poaching is what is damaging our ecosystem along with other environmental changes caused by man. I am all for the closures but feel sorry for the honest fisherman and the least damaging form of fishing: spearfishing, as the spearfisherman can see what he plans to take. I hope these closures will reduce the tons of fishing trash that washes upon California beaches every day in the form of nets, floats, and especially monofilament line. I find it everytime I scuba dive and it is usually strangling some hapless invertebrate. Who knows how much is stuck down there causing daily damage? Also, lead weights for both divers and fishermen should be coated, as it never washes up on shore. I'm sick of hiking on the rocks and seeing the trash left behind by line-casting fishermen. Thank you.

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